

going to be tough. There are going to be some unpopular decisions necessary, maybe tuition increases and so forth. That job is going to become tougher and tougher all the time. I wonder if we are going to have the good group of candidates to run for that in the future as we have in the past because it no longer is just a glory position or a plum. I trust that governor enough, whoever he or she might be, to appoint people who would work and do a conscientious job, just like they do in a lot of other gubernatorial appointments. Senator Hefner made the point that the voters make wise decisions and they do a good job in selecting. I would submit that I agree with that. Let's let them vote in November of '86 on this particular issue. I trust their judgement totally.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: I think we should rise above partisan politics on this, with the exception of Senator Higgins and two or three others. I saw a clear split along party lines on that kill motion. I wouldn't think that we should do this. There are times, and this is a tough issue to be sure, it is a tough thing politically, but there are times when we have to rise above that, not necessarily run for the trees just because 70 or 80 percent of our constituents have made a knee jerk reaction on this. We should have some more dialogue here on the floor. We should not shirk our responsibility by addressing these tough issues. I'll grant you this is one. It will be a hard thing for the Governor to sell in 1986 if we give him the chance to sell that. He's pledged to try to do that. To refuse this implies that nothing ever changes, that nothing ever changes. We just continually retain the status quo. I think that is a mistake. I think this is something we should advance, discuss further. I would leave with you this, that one thing does change, we've heard a little talk about how much money was spent in regent races. In my particular regent race, the same year that I ran in 1982, the one candidate that won spent \$50,000, just under \$50,000. I'm not saying there is anything wrong with. I am not implying that lady doesn't do a good job. I think she's an excellent regent. I'm merely pointing out that we are reaching a trend here. You know, of course, there is not anybody apt to contribute any funds to a regent candidate, or at least very little, they have no reason to. So we are reaching a point where things are changing. We have to recognize that. We have to